

REMARKS

Examiner Takaoka telephoned the undersigned and indicated there were certain informalities in the claims. Applicants offered to delete the reference numerals from the claims to resolve the matter. Examiner Takaoka agreed.

The Examiner also called U.S. Patent No. 5,111,165 to applicants' attention, particularly Figures 2B and 6A and B. The Examiner asserted that the reference arguably showed an arrangement similar to a broad interpretation of Claim 1. Applicants agreed to insert "coplanar" before "--ground conductors--", which the Examiner agreed would clearly distinguish over the reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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